

REPORT

DATE: September 4, 2003

TO: The Administration Committee
The Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Membership Fee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a \$5,000 General Fund expenditure for membership dues for the Coalition for Americas Gateways and Trade Corridors.

SUMMARY:

SCAG staff is requesting that the Regional Council authorize a \$5,000 General Fund expenditure for membership fees for the Coalition for Americas Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC). SCAG's Regional Council originally approved membership to CAGTC in March 2002. CAGTC is an issue specific advocacy effort dedicated to ensuring that goods movement, freight and homeland security infrastructure are adequately funded in the reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Program.

BACKGROUND:

CAGTC, which is comprised of a variety of interests including motor carriers, railroads, ports, state departments of transportation, national corridor projects and other transportation stakeholders is a national advocacy coalition dedicated to building public and congressional support for freight infrastructure. Its sole purpose is to support the integrity of the Highway Trust Fund with sufficient funding in the reauthorization of TEA-21 for trade corridors and gateways. Some local members of the coalition include: Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, OnTrac, Port of Los Angeles, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

CAGTC has called on Congress and the Administration to increase funding for goods movement, develop innovative financing approaches and establish freight mobility as a central element of national transportation policy. CAGTC has submitted the following recommendations to the Congress for consideration:

- At least \$2 billion is needed annually to sustain economically critical freight movement. Additional, but separate, funding for complementary public safety and security infrastructure is also needed.
- The distribution of funds should be freight specific, and there should be a justification based on freight volumes and freight-related congestion to ensure limited dollars reach freight-intensive, trade-related corridors/borders/gateways.
- The designation of entities eligible should be expanded to include other public and quasi-public organizations.
- Borders and Corridors should be redefined to address the needs of all trade gateways, not only land borders, and gateway connected trade corridors.



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- The designated "high priority" corridors eligible for funding under the Borders and Corridors Program need to be reexamined to ensure freight intensive areas can apply for funding. Currently, there are many important projects in need of funding that do not fall in one of the 43 priority corridors designated under TEA-21.

The CAGTC's efforts complement and advance a vital issue and one of the principal challenges being addressed by SCAG's Goods Movement Program—the negative differential in funding that exists between identified regional freight movement projects and available sources of funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$5,000, membership fee is an annual fee that is paid by all coalition members. The CAGTC membership fee was previously deducted from SCAG's General Fund. According to Federal regulations, SCAG is not permitted to use Federal Grants for any type of advocacy or lobbying efforts.

ATTACHMENT:

CAGTC Invoice



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CAGTC Membership
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 7, 2003
TO: Alfredo Gonzalez
FROM: Cinda Merrill
SUBJECT: CAGTC Invoice

I emailed you a copy of this invoice last week, but wanted to make sure you also had a hard copy.

Thanks for sheparding this through. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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INVOICE

DATE: December 23, 2002

TO: Mr. Alfredo Gonzalez
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2003 Membership fee for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade
Corridors:

TOTAL **\$5,000.00**

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